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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A positive radiation-sensitive composition comprising:

- (a) a resin whose solubility in an alkali developer increases by the action of an acid;
- (b) a compound which generates a carboxylic acid having a molecular weight of 100 or less upon irradiation with an actinic ray or a radiant ray;
- (c) a surfactant; and
- (d) a solvent.